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FOR FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

1. DEPARTMENT SURPRISED THAT INCLUSION OF MA CANDIDATES IN BRAZIL FULBRIGHT LASPAU PROGRAM IS NEWS TO COMMISSION.
2. STATE 196447 SAID IN PARAGRAPH FOUR (IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S VIEWS EXPRESSED IN BRASILIA 6615) THAT COMMISSIONS WERE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE SELECTION PROCESS OF THESE STUDENTS. COMMISSION MEMORANDUM 163 OF AUGUST 1975 FROM MIDKIFF TO DONA BEATA AND SIDNEY HAMOLSKY SPECIFIED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND THAT THE PERSONS RECOMMENDED AS A RESULT OF THE INTERVIEWS WOULD THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION WHICH WOULD IN TURN PASS ON THE NOMINATIONS IT CHOSE TO SUPPORT TO LASPAU.

3. LASPAU REPORTS THAT IBARGUEN DISCUSSED THE OUTCOME OF
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THE INTERVIEWS INCLUDING THE MA QUESTION WITH THE COMMISSION

STAFF IN OCTOBER AND THAT HE WAS TOLD TO PROCEED ON THE

BASIS OF THOSE RESULTS. IT WAS KNOWN AT THAT TIME THAT THE LIST INCLUDED MA CANDIDATES. BASED ON THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT ASSUMED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD CONSIDERED THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEWS (AND INDEED THAT IT HAD BEEN REPRESENTED AT THOSE INTERVIEWS) AND THAT THE LIST USED BY LASPAU WAS AUTHORITATIVE.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THE COMMISSION NEITHER PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVIEWS NOR CONSIDERED THE LIST. THIS IS ALSO EMBARRASSING IN THAT BFS APPROVAL WAS REQUESTED ON THAT BASIS.

5. LASPAU HAS RECOMMENDED 1 PH.D. AND 5 MA CANDIDATES (ALL FROM MINAS) TO THE BFS FOR APPROVAL.

6. WHEN THE BFS RESPONSE IS RECEIVED, YOU WILL BE INFORMED AND AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

7. IN THE VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT, EVENTS HAVE NOW GONE TOO FAR TO BE REVERSED, AND THE MA CANDIDATES WILL HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED. INGERSOLL

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